

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A connector for connecting a grounded board, said connector having a housing for housing a card to be connected, said housing comprising:

a non-conductive housing main body having a housing space for housing said card, the housing space being defined by a first side face and opposing second side faces adjacent to the first side face;

a contact for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said contact being disposed in said housing main body;

a first conductor portion for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said first conductor portion being disposed ~~in a vicinity of~~ on the first side face and insulated from said contact; and

a second conductor portion disposed ~~in a vicinity of~~ on the second side face of said housing main body and insulated from said contact,

whereby said first and second conductor portions escaping electric charge electrified on said card to said board when connected to said card and said board.

2. (Original) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said first conductor portion is disposed in a position to connect said card which is not housed in said housing space.

3. (Previously presented) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said first conductor portion is for connect an edge of said card.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The connector according to claim 1, further comprising another second conductor portions disposed ~~in a vicinity of~~ on the other second side face of said housing space, said the other second side face being opposite to the second side face, wherein said card is substantially

rectangular and said second conductor portions are symmetrically disposed about the direction of inserting said card.

6. (Previously presented) The connector according to claim 5, wherein each of said second conductor portions has a flexible portion elastically deformable outside and a lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of a face of said housing space for being inserted said card;

whereby said lock pieces is pushed by said card to open outside when said card is inserted into said housing space, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

7. (Previously presented) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said board is a printed wiring board.

8. (Previously presented) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said contact is for connecting said board.

9. (Currently Amended) An electronic component having a connector for connecting to a grounded board, said connector having a card and a housing for housing said card, said housing comprising:

a non-conductive housing main body having an housing space for housing said card, the housing space being defined by a first side face and opposing second side faces adjacent to the first side face;

a contact for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said contact being disposed in said housing main body;

a first conductor portion for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said first conductor portion being disposed ~~in a vicinity of~~ on the first side face and insulated from said contact; and

a second conductor portion disposed ~~in a vicinity of~~ on the second side face of said housing main body and insulated from said contact,

whereby said first and second conductor portions escapes charge built up in said card to said board when connected to said card and said board.

10. (Previously presented) The connector according to claim 2, wherein said first conductor portion is for connect an edge of said card.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The connector according to claim 1, further comprising another second conductor portions disposed ~~in a vicinity of~~ on the other second side face of said housing space, said the other second side face being opposite to the second side face, wherein said card is substantially rectangular and said second conductor portions are symmetrically disposed about the direction of inserting said card.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) The connector according to claim 13, wherein each of said second conductor portions has a flexible portion elastically deformable outside and a lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of a face of said housing space for being inserted said card; whereby said lock pieces is pushed by said card to open outside when said card is inserted into said housing space, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 2, wherein said board is a printed wiring board.

18. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 10, wherein said board is a printed wiring board.

19. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 2, wherein said contact is for connecting said board.

20. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 10, wherein said contact is for connecting said board.

21. (Previously Presented) A connector for connecting a grounded board, said connector having a card and a housing for housing said card, said housing comprising:

- a non-conductive housing main body having an housing space for housing said card;

- a contact for connecting said card housed in housing space, said contact being disposed in said housing main body;

- a second conductor portion for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said second conductor portion being disposed in said housing main body and insulated from said contact, said conductor portion being disposed along one of opposing second side faces of said housing space; and

- another second conductor portion for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said another second conductor portion being disposed in said housing main body and insulated from said contact, said another conductor portion being disposed along the other of the opposing second side faces of said housing space;

- whereby said second conductor portions escaping electric charge electrified on said card to said board when connected to said card and said board;

- wherein said card is substantially rectangular and said second conductor portions are symmetrically disposed about the direction of inserting said card,

wherein each of said second conductor portions has a flexible portion elastically deformable outside and a lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of a face of said housing space for being inserted said card;

whereby said lock pieces is pushed by said card to open outside when said card is inserted into said housing space, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

22. (Previously presented) The connector according to claim 21, wherein said board is a printed wiring board.

23. (Previously presented) The connector according to claim 21, wherein said contact is for connecting said board.

24. (Previously presented) An electronic component having the connector according to claim 21.